AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Cancelled)**

2. **(Currently Amended)** A [[The]] rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing elastic article ~~of claim 1, which is a rubber-like elastic article~~ , wherein the article is molding/forming products of ~~made from~~ a rubber-like composition comprising a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid having a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more or a modified product thereof, wherein the molding/forming is accompanied by crosslinking.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing elastic article of claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid is a polymer as a product of the reaction of a natural polyisoprenoid with hydrogen in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst in a solvent.

4. **(Cancelled)**

5. **(Currently Amended)** The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing elastic article of claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid has a weight-average molecular weight of 20×10^4 or more and a molecular-weight distribution of 2.0 or more.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing elastic article of claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid is a hydrogenated product of a polymer of isoprene unit derived from *Hevea brasiliensis*, *Ficus elastica*, *Eucommia ulmoides,* or a fungus belonging to the genus *Lactarius*.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A method for producing a rubber-like elastic article, comprising the step of subjecting a rubber composition comprising a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid having a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more or a modified product thereof to molding/forming accompanied by crosslinking.

8. **(Currently Amended)** A [[The]] rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article ~~of claim 1~~ , which is a resin modifier comprising a rubber-like polymer that is an hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid having a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more, or a modified product thereof.

9. (Previously Presented) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 8, wherein the rubber-like polymer is a polymer that is a product of the reaction of a natural polyisoprenoid with hydrogen in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst in a solvent.

10. **(Cancelled)**

11. (Previously Presented) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 8, wherein the rubber-like polymer has a weight-average molecular weight of 20x 10^4 or more and a molecular-weight distribution of 2.0 or more.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A resin composition comprising a resin and the rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article ~~of claim 8~~ according to any one of claims 8, 9 or 11.

13. (Original) The resin composition of claim 12, comprising 0.1 to 100 parts by weight of the resin modifier per 100 parts by weight of the resin.

14. (Previously Presented) A molded article made from the resin composition of claim 12.

15. – 18. **(Cancelled)**

19. **(Currently Amended)** An article comprising a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid latex or a modified latex product thereof, ~~prepared by using the rubber-like or rubber-like material-containing article of claim 15~~ wherein the article is molding/forming products of rubber-like composition comprising a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid having a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more or a modified product thereof, wherein the molding/forming is accompanied by crosslinking.

20. **(New)** The article according to claim 19, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid latex is a product of the reaction of the natural polyisoprenoid latex with hydrogen in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst.

21. **(New)** The article according to claim 19, wherein the natural polyisoprenoid latex is a latex derived from *Hevea rasiliensis*, *Ficus elastica*, *Eucommia ulmoides*, or fungus belonging to the genus *Lactarius*.